

A. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, as follows:

A' The foregoing embodiment can be fabricated by aligning and securing first and second optical fibers 110 and 114 and/or their respective collimators 112 and 116 on holder 120, aligning prism 118 with fibers 110 and ~~112~~ 114, and bonding the ends of the collimators to the prism using an index matched adhesive. The axes of the fibers with attached collimators preferably lie in a common plane perpendicular to the 45° planes 134A, 134B of the prism, and the prism apex 136 preferably is centered between the fiber axes. Although Fig. 2 illustrates optical fibers 110 and 114 and their respective collimators in side-by-side abutment, they also could be spaced apart from one another. In the Fig. 2 embodiment, the light preferably is turned by total internal reflection by, for example, providing a thin air gap (air being a low-index medium) between the 45° planes 134A, 134B the prism and the 45° planes/sidewalls 138A, 138B of the holder, respectively.